

**Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
WOV Setting Five – Bread of Life
Sunday, August 23, 2026**

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (WOV p.10)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***ENTRANCE HYMN: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LBW (green) 245**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING (WOV p.28)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE (WOV p.28)**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
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***HYMN OF PRAISE (WOV p.29)**



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.

Glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God in the high - est;

glo- ry to God, glo- ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (WOV p.30)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom.
As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly
confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

Amen

ANTHEM: “How Great Thou Art” – Butch Hengst

Children’s church dismissal: All children are invited to the Nursery at this time.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 138 (spoken responsively)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³ for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

⁴ **When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**⁶ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁷ Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand shall save me.**

⁹ The LORD will make good his purpose for me;

O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your
hands.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (WOV p.31)**





***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Built on a Rock”**

LBW (green) 365

***APOSTLES’ CREED (WOV p.32)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (WOV p.34)**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

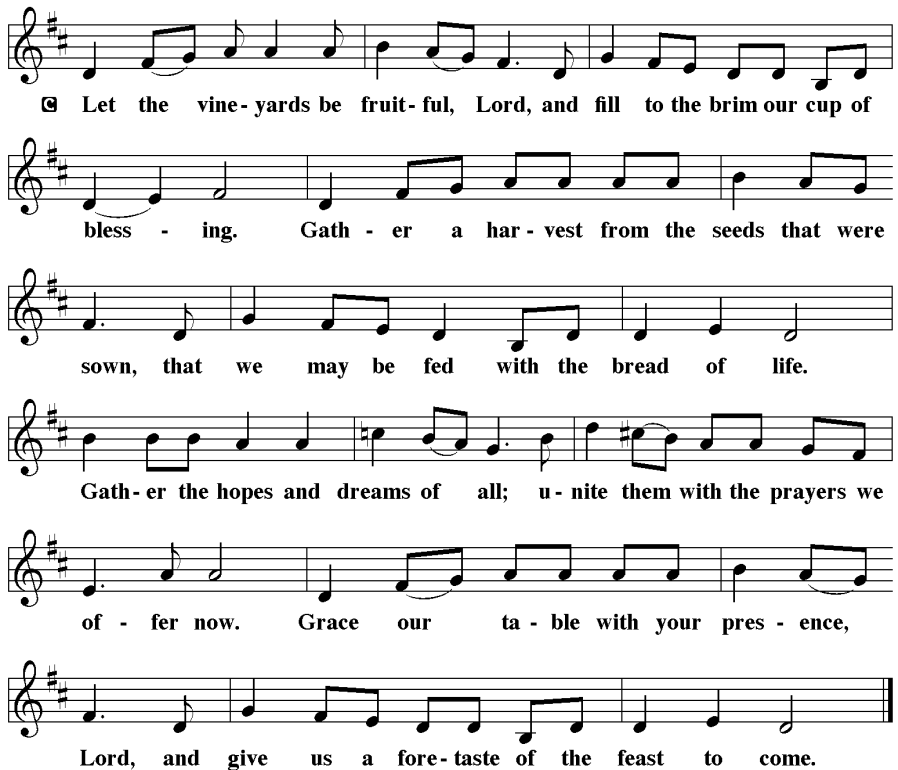
***PEACE (WOV p. 34)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE (WOV p.35)**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (WOV p.35)**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING (WOV p.36)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

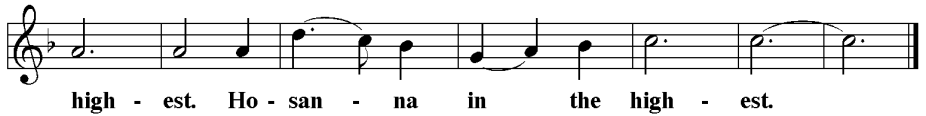
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE (WOV p.36)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





***THANKSGIVING (WOV p.37)**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER (WOV p.39)**

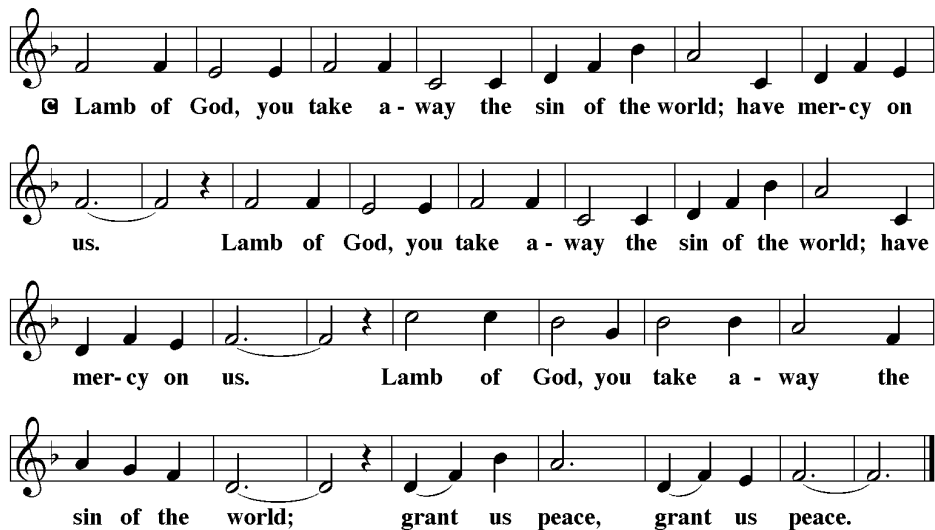
Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***COMMUNION HYMN (WOV p.39)**



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

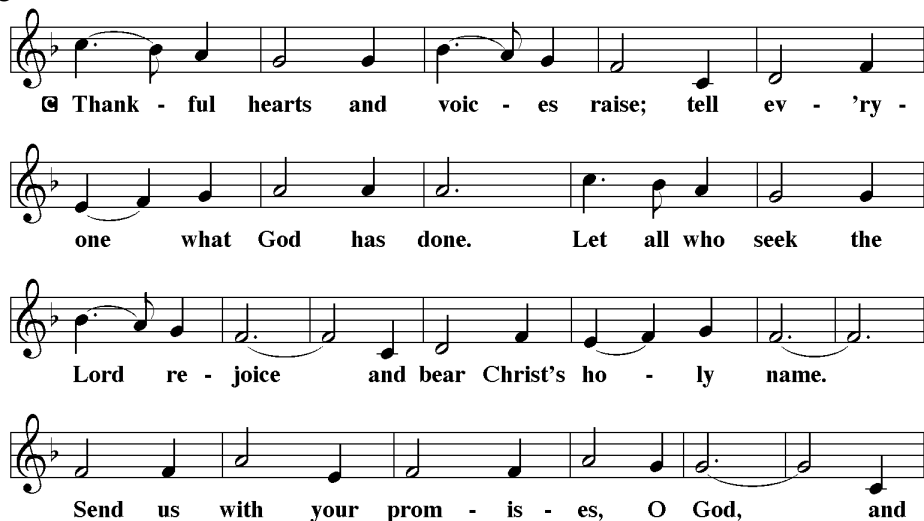
COMMUNION (WOV p.39)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

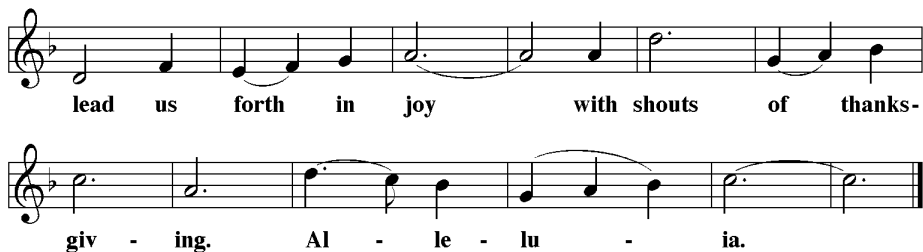
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (WOV p.40)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (WOF p.41)**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

***BLESSING (WOF p.41)**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

***SENDING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"**

LBW (green) 369

DISMISSAL (WOF p.41)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's communion elements are presented to the glory of God, by Shirley Seitz.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 08/30/2026

Jer 15:15-21, Ps 26:1-8, Rom 12:9-21, Matt 16:21-28

PRAYER REQUESTS

Edna Garver, Dolly Fletcher, Emery Lynn Grove, Tom Bailey,
Mary Rose Lawhead, Barbara Townley, Barry Keller, Susan Scheungrab,
Shirley Seitz, Donna Chandler, Keith Copenhagen, James Thompson,
Joann King, Trey Tomaschko, Lou Tomaschko, Beth Hennessey,
Suzanne Becker, Chad Smith, Tim Myers, Bonni Whitman, Sandy Fair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Zion! We are glad you are here today. After worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and snacks in the social hall directly beside the sanctuary.

Communion is offered every Sunday. Wine and apple juice are both available. All are welcome.

Today we welcome Rev. Peter Rustico to lead us in worship.

Today we give thanks for the musical gifts of Butch Hengst.

Congratulations to Emma Gruner on her recent graduation from Penn State University with a PhD in mathematics. Emma will begin teaching at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA in a couple weeks. Emma is the daughter of Matt & Ann Gruner.

Starting on Wednesday, August 26th, and every fourth Wednesday after, the York County Food Bank will be parking their food bus in the alley behind Zion to “bring fresh food to our hungry neighbors.” They will be set up from 11am – 1pm. This effort is in conjunction with the program The Well offers on Water Street in Glen Rock every Wednesday. To learn more about the mobile pantry, reach out to yorkfoodbank.org.

The Nursery is available for children 5 years and under. Kelley Fisher can be contacted regarding Children’s Church at kellyfish23@gmail.com or 410-598-0586.

The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **Our loose change collection for August will benefit the Southern York County School District Welfare Fund.** This fund helps pay off overdrawn lunch accounts within the school district.

Services are recorded and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page. It is possible during the recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.



WHAT: These compelling stories tell how kings, patriarchs, missionaries, and the Church of Rome were impacted by otherwise obscure women whose singular acts of bravery changed the course of ancient history. You won't recognize the women by name, but you will never forget their stories.

WHO: Everyone who wants to add to their knowledge of the Bible is invited.

WHEN: Every Sunday in August at 10:30 am

WHERE: Zion Glen Rock - Large Classroom

For more information: contact Pam Hoffman, pam@gilmangroup.com

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Supply Pastors:

August 23: Rev. Peter Rustico
August 30: Rev. Gail Wolling
September 6: Rev. Clifton Suehr
September 13: Rev. Martin Zimmann
September 20: Rev. Peter Rustico
September 27: Rev. John Teitman

Assisting Ministers:

August 23: Jeff Brown
August 30: Jeff Hoffman
September 6: Butch Hengst
September 13: Diane Bortner
September 20: Donna Price
September 27: George Brown

Lectors:

August 23: Jake Gilroy
August 30: Donna Price
September 6: Linda Beegle
September 13: Nate Rogers
September 20: Jen Webb
September 27: Kelley Fisher

Council Offering Duty:

August – Jeff Hoffman and Gail Prego
September – Tom Bailey and Jen Webb

Altar Care:

August – Pam Spangler
September – Donna Price

Zion Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2026

PRESENT: Donna Price, Tom Bailey, Jeff Brown, Rick Freda, Jeff Hoffman, Gail Prego, Jen Webb, Brenda Davis

ABSENT: Kelley Fisher, Pastor Doug DeStephano

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Council President,
Donna Price.

Prayer by Donna Price.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- No report

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- The minutes from the 6/17/26 regular council meeting were reviewed. There was a correction to the New Business item 1 – should have been Rick Freda not Rick Prego. Rick Freda made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Gail Prego seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORTS:

- The regular reports were handed out with information from June 2026. Rick Freda made a motion to approve the reports pending audit. Jen Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Council Vice President – Jeff Hoffman made a motion to elect Rick Freda for Vice President of Council. Jeff Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Approval of new bank account signatories – The council discussed updating the signatories to reflect the current Council President and Vice President but no motion was made to update the information.

3. Mowery trust dispersal – Zion received a check for \$3,963.00 from the Mowery Trust. Rick Freda made a motion to put the money into the AC/HVAC (017-03-01-17) dedicated account. Tom Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Suggested shingle change for roof project – When presented with shingle choices, the Property committee was made aware there were 50 year shingles available in addition to the 30 year shingles. The price difference between the two types of shingles is \$3,500.00. Gail Prego made a motion to use the 50 year shingles for the roof project. Jeff Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff Brown made a motion to take the additional \$3,500.00 for the roof project out of the Available Seitz (017-03-01-16) dedicated account. Jen Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Several color options were available for the Council to choose from. The consensus from the Council was to choose the Oyster Gray color option because it is the closest match to the Sanctuary roof. Jen Webb made a motion to approve the Oyster Gray 50 year shingles for the roof project. Jeff Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rick Freda will email Chad Fisher with the Council's decision.
5. New babies at Zion – The Council discussed acknowledging the new babies in the congregation by presenting them with a prayer shawl and/or holding a special celebration at an upcoming social time. Brenda Davis and Jen Webb will discuss this in further detail and let the Council know their thoughts.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Brenda Glatfelter building use request – The group has found another place to hold their event and will no longer need space at Zion.
2. Constitution update – tabled

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Ed: Jeff and Pam Hoffman will be presenting a Women of the Bible series each Sunday in August at 10:30am in the Sunday School space. Our Daily Bread devotionals will continue to be available in the social hall. Logins to the safety videos made available

by Zion's insurance company are not working. (Jeff Brown indicated he will check on this matter.) The committee is waiting to hear the council's thoughts on the proposed Children's Church plan. (The plan will be discussed at the August meeting.)

Worship & Music: No update

Property: The roof project is moving forward. The indication from the roof company is that they will begin working on the roof in late summer or early fall.

In Reach/Out Reach:

July's Third Thursday will be 7/16 from 4:30-6pm. The main entrée will be hamburgers and hotdogs. School supplies are being collected until Sunday, 8/2. The committee is trying to identify Thrivent members to see how many Thrivent Choice dollars can be applied for. Time and talent worksheet is on hold temporarily. There has been discussion about providing a "cooling center" at Zion when the temperature outside is unhealthy for people. August's Third Thursday will be 8/20. The entrée is tacos. The committee is planning to make a poster board with worship information to display at the back of the church when the food bus is setup on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The committee also recently discussed offering space to homeschooling groups and connecting kids with adults who need pet sitting, yard work done, or other tasks.

Mutual Ministry: Rick will be adding new background checks to the locked file cabinet soon.

Audit/Finance: The 2025 field work for the audit is complete. A few follow ups are needed. A report for Council is forthcoming. The Finance committee met this week and discussed the amount of undedicated money sitting in dedicated accounts. After some discussion, Jen Webb made a motion to move money from the Ream Memorial dedicated account, the David Seitz Memorial dedicated account, the Sheffer Trust dedicated account, and the Parking Lot Fund dedicated account to the Savings Undedicated (017-03-02-01). Jeff Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cemetery: Zion's attorney is getting nowhere with contacting Trinity UCC. The attorney will be contacting CGA law firm since they were listed when the property was divided.

With no other business, Jeff Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Davis

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Brenda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Kelley Fisher, Treasurer

Chad Fisher, Sexton

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